

Application No.: 09/980,880  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No: 09/980,880  
Applicants: Yoshio GODA, et al.  
Filed: September 3, 2002  
Title: TOP SEALING PLATE, BATTERY USING THE TOP SEALING PLATE,  
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE BATTERY (AS AMENDED)  
TC/A.U.: 1745  
Examiner: Robert W. Hodge  
Confirmation No.: 1394  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Communications dated March 15, 2006, and  
September 22, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page **2** of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and  
include attached replacement sheets.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper. A clean  
version of the Abstract is on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **12** of this paper.